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SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRAQ AND PKK/KADEK: TURKS ALLEGE KDP  
RELEASED TWO SURRENDERED PKK MEMBERS BACK TO PKK

(U) Classified by DCM Robert Deutsch. Reasons 1.5 b and d.  
Recommendation at para 2.

¶1. (S) On November 14, MFA Intelligence and Research  
Department Head Ahmet Yildiz handed PolMilOff the following  
non-paper:

Begin text:

It has been reported that two members of PKK/KADEK terrorist organization, Sefin (born in 1966 in Syria) and Davut Felat (a Turkish national, born 1970 in Diyarbakir) surrendered to the Kurdistan Democratic Party's (KDP) peshmergas in Atrush on 01 November 2003. However, upon the PKK/KADEK's request the aforementioned persons were handed over to the terrorist organization in Mount Gara area on 02 November 2003.

After a full evaluation of the situation, it is concluded that the attitude of KDP was aimed to block the implementation of the Law on Reintegration into Society by obstructing the members of the terrorist organization from surrendering, contrary to the joint efforts by US and Turkey to encourage the terrorists to give up their arms and resume their everyday lives, and also reinvigorate and maintain social peace and stability in the region.

Ankara, 14 November 2003

End Text of Non-Paper.

¶2. (S) RECOMMENDATION: Post recommends Washington and CPA raise this case with senior KDP officials and seek a commitment that any PKK/KADEK/KHK member surrendering to the KDP will be turned over to Turkish forces for processing under Turkey's Reintegration Law.

¶3. (U) Baghdad minimize considered.  
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